

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLAIMS ON APPEAL

1. (Currently amended) A modified gravity-feed towel dispenser for dispensing C-fold and interfolded towels, wherein said dispenser houses C-fold or interfolded towels having a transverse length, L, which are positioned to be dispensed through an elongated bottom dispensing aperture having a length of L or greater, said towel dispenser including means for defining a top portion, a front wall, a back wall and a pair of side walls of said towel dispenser, as well as a bottom portion collectively defining an interior for receiving a stack of C-fold or interfolded towels, said bottom portion of said towel dispenser defining said elongated bottom dispensing aperture, wherein an adapter plate is secured to said bottom portion of said towel dispenser and is configured to abridge the length of said dispensing aperture to a length L' of ~~from about~~ 80 percent to ~~about~~ 90 percent of said transverse length, L, of said C-fold or interfolded towels.
2. (Previously presented) The towel dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the adapter plate is an elongate member with a generally planar medial portion and further comprises a pair of terminal portions projecting outwardly and upwardly with respect to the planar medial portion at each end of said adapter plate, such that the terminal portions are upwardly inclined with respect to the medial portion of the plate.
3. (Currently Amended) The towel dispenser according to Claim 2, wherein said elongated dispensing aperture is abridged to a length, L', of ~~about~~ 85 percent of the transverse length L of said C-fold or interfolded towels.
4. (Currently amended) The towel dispenser according to Claim 2, wherein the upwardly inclined terminal portions have an angle of inclination of ~~from about~~ 10 to ~~about~~ 30 degrees with respect to the generally planar medial portion of the adapter plate.
5. (Currently amended) The towel dispenser according to Claim 4, wherein the upwardly

inclined terminal portions have an angle of inclination of ~~about~~ 20 degrees with respect to the generally planar medial portion of the adapter plate.

6. (Previously presented) The towel dispenser according to Claim 2, pivotally secured to the lower portion of said gravity-feed towel dispenser.
7. (Previously presented) The towel dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein said adapter plate is configured to define a central enlarged portion of the dispensing aperture and two restricted terminal portions of the dispensing aperture each of the portions having a span perpendicular to the length of the dispensing aperture.
8. (Currently amended) The towel dispenser according to Claim 7, wherein said enlarged central portion has a span of at least ~~about~~ twice the span of the restricted terminal portions.
9. (Currently amended) The towel dispenser according to Claim 8, wherein the terminal portions of the dispensing aperture have a span of ~~from about~~ 20 to ~~about~~ 40 percent of the width of said interfolded towels corresponding thereto.
10. (Currently amended) The towel dispenser according to Claim 9, wherein said restricted terminal portions of said aperture have a span of ~~about~~ 30 percent of the width of said interfolded towels corresponding thereto and a collective length of at least ~~about~~ 40 percent of the abridged length L' of said dispensing aperture.
- 11-20. (Canceled)
21. (Currently amended) In a gravity-feed towel dispenser for dispensing C-fold and interfolded towels, wherein said dispenser contains C-fold or interfolded towels having a transverse length, L, which are positioned to be dispensed through an elongated bottom dispensing aperture having a length of L or greater, said towel dispenser including means for defining a top portion, a front wall, a back wall and a

pair of side walls of said towel dispenser, as well as a bottom portion collectively defining an interior for receiving a stack of C-fold or interfolded towels, said bottom portion of said towel dispenser defining said elongated bottom dispensing aperture, said dispenser being of the class that are moved forwardly for reloading; the improvement comprising an adapter plate secured to said bottom portion of said towel dispenser configured to abridge the length of said dispensing aperture to a length L' of from about 80 percent to about 90 percent of said transverse length, L, of said C-fold or interfolded towels, wherein the adapter plate is pivotally secured to the dispenser to accommodate reloading.

22. (Previously presented) The improvement according to Claim 21, wherein said adapter plate is pivotally secured to the sidewalls of the dispenser.